



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Stocco, et al.

Serial No. **09/612,894**

Title: **COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
FOR REGULATION OF
STERIODOGENESIS**

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Examiner: **J. Riley**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Box Response –Fee
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Madam:

Applicant hereby timely responds to the Office Action dated November 24, 2000. A Petition with the appropriate fee for a one-month extension of time to and including January 24, 2001 is enclosed herewith.

Election in Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention categorized by the Examiner as: "II. Claims 14 -- 17, drawn to a protein, classified in Class 530, subclass 350." This election is made without traverse. Claims to the other inventions categorized by the examiner will be prosecuted in subsequent continuation applications.

Preliminary Amendment

In the Specification:

On page 20, line 11, after "(amino acid – mouse) and", please insert -- SEQ ID NO: 18 --.